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1. The return movement of troop units from their training grounds and manoeuvre areas continued through the first days of November. The summer camps seem to have been vacated.
2. A fall manoeuvre in the region of Zerbst, Rosslau, Bitterfeld, and Aken, which began on 21 October, ended on the evening of 28 October. It involved combat units of all four divisions of the Eighth Guards Army and components of the Seventh Guards Tank Division and of the Fourth Artillery Corps. In the exercise, a northern force assembled in the Zerbst-Rosslau area, threw several bridges across the Elbe between Barby and Dessau, and established a bridgehead south of the river by 27 October. Thereupon, the northern force was attacked and thrown back to the north bank of the Elbe by a southern group which advanced from the Weissenfels-Merseburg area. The troops involved began departing on 29 October.
3. The influx of recruits from the USSR increased in volume at the beginning of November, while the repatriation of discharges to the east began at the same time. Between 3 October and 9 November, 16 trains with recruits were observed arriving in the Russian Zone of Germany, while 7 trains left the zone with men to be discharged.

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